

SENATE BILL 1730

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-16-104, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The department of education shall annually submit to the governor, the members of the education committee in each house of the general assembly, the state board of education, and the basic education program (BEP) review committee a complete and detailed reporting of:

(1) The operation of virtual education programs;

(2) The number of students enrolling in these programs and the success of the students, including an analysis of the academic accountability of the school's students. The data shall be provided in total numbers and disaggregated and compared to corresponding data for students in traditional school settings;

(3) Efforts made to improve the programs and the delivery of classes, including new technologies examined or implemented;

(4) Funding received and the adequacy of the funding. The department shall specifically identify in its report all ascertainable funding sources; and

(5) Such other information as the department finds necessary to account for the operation of virtual education programs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.